

Mendon Historical Society
Mendon, Massachusetts

A Patriotic Celebration

...at...

MENDON, MASSACHUSETTS,

JUNE 28, 1917,

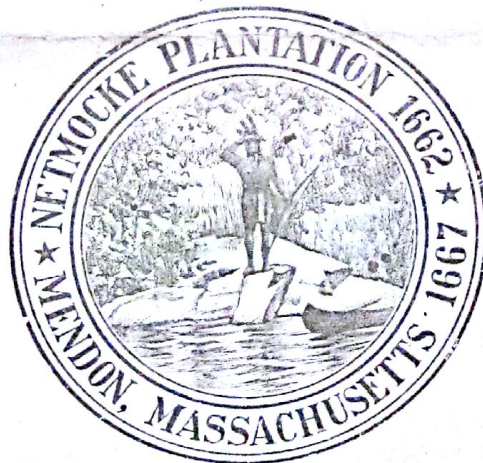
in Honor of

The Two Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary

...of the...

Settlement of the Mendon Plantation,

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1767-1917.



“With filial affection, we will honor our ancestors.”

Morning Program.

The early part of the day to be spent in greeting visiting friends.

Loan Exhibit of Antiques, Etc., Alliance Hall.

Relics of the life and the times of those men and women, who endured toil and hardship, that we might enjoy the blessings of today.

All are invited to attend.

Exercises in the Meeting-house formally opened by Rev. Harry F. Fister of Milford, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Singing, America—Audience.

Prayer—Rev. R. W. Simpson of Mendon.

Cornet Solo—Peter O. Gaskill.

Introduction of the President of the Day—Judge Louis A. Cook of South Weymouth, President of Mendon Historical Society, by Rev. H. F. Fister.

Address of Welcome—Louis A. Cook.

Solo, "The Nightingale"—Ina M. Irons.

Reading—Poem written by the late Marcus M. Alorich, read by Mrs. Carrie Dixon.

Solo, "The Trumpeter"—Arthur P. Dalton.

REMARKS.

Brief remarks by representatives of "Mother Mendon" and her "daughter" towns.

Musical Director at the morning session—Sadie B. Gaskill.

If the weather is favorable, the meeting will adjourn to Founder's Park for brief exercises.

Drill—Boy Scouts. Living Flag.

Singing, Keller's American Hymn—Audience.

Remarks by Judge Francis N. Thayer of Blackstone.

Hymn, "To Thee O Flag"—Chorus.

Benediction.

Intermission of about two hours, during which time the various societies receive their guests at the different headquarters. Basket Lunches, etc.

Loan Exhibit.

Afternoon Session.

Exercises in the Meeting House at 2.30 P. M., Lou's A. Cook, presiding.

Organist—Sadie B. Gaskill.

"Living Flag"—in charge of Mrs. J. E. Loring.

Song, "Old Glory," with cornet and piano accompaniment. Ethel Chapman Phipps, Cornetist.

Prayer—Rev. Alexander Wiswall, Uxbridge.

Song, Patriotic Hymn—Audience

Reading, Poem—Minnie B. Wilcox.

Solo, Star Spangled Banner—Ernestine Harding Wilcox.

Paper, Facts and Traditions of Mendon History—Written
by Rev. Carlton A. Staples, read by Rev. A. N. Foster
of Uxbridge.

Singing by the Audience—Keller's American Hymn.

Recitation by the Boy Scouts.

Solo, Ernestine Harding Wilcox—"Recessional."

Goddess of Liberty—Mabel L. Robinson with song.

"Columbia"—By Flag Chorus.

Hymn, "Our Lord, our help in ages past"—Audience.

Benediction—Rev. James W. Macdonald of Upton.

The exercises close in time to afford our guests an opportunity to visit "Nature's Beauty Spot", Lake Nipmuc, and salute the beautiful new flag.

"Come back to your mother, ye children for shame,
Who have wandered like truants for riches or fame,
With a smile on her face and a sprig in her cap,
She calls you to feast from her bountiful lap.

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Then come from all quarters and parts to our feast
Though not at the "Astor" we'll give you at least
A bite at an apple, a seat on the grass,
And the best of cold water—at nothing a glass."

—O. W. Holmes.

Mendon's 250th Jubilee

Most Magnificent Success

Mendon, June 29.—Most successful even to the minutest detail was the report concerning the big patriotic celebration in connection with the observance of the 250th anniversary of the settlement of the Mendon plantation, which was carried out yesterday practically as announced.

Estimates place the church attendance at about 500 during the morning and afternoon gatherings, and congratulations were tendered the Mendon Historical society and Old Mendon, D. A. R., members for the completeness of the day's festivities.

At the opening of the day the company was shown through the Alliance hall, where there was a loan exhibit of antiques, etc., and the exercises at the meetinghouse were formally opened at 10 o'clock by Rev. H. F. Fister, pastor of Milford Universalist church.

Judge Louis A. Cook of South Weymouth, president of the Mendon historical society, was president of the day and gave brief remarks as to the nature of the occasion.

The exercises were opened by the audience singing "America" followed by a prayer by Rev. R. W. Simpson, a cornet solo by P. O. Gaskill and the introduction of Judge Cook.

After Judge Cook's discourse Ina M. Irons rendered the vocal solo, "The Nightingale", Mrs. Carrie Dixon read a poem written by the late Marcus M. Aldrich, and a song, "The Trumpeter", was sung by Arthur P. Dalton. A period was devoted to brief remarks by representatives of "Mother Mendon" and her "daughter" towns, during which nearly a score took part.

The company adjourned to Founders' park, where exercises were held in the presence of a much larger throng, the numbers including a drill by the Boy Scouts, the singing of Keller's American hymn by the audience, remarks by Judge Francis N. Thayer of Blackstone, hymn, "To Thee O Flag", chorus, and benediction.

An intermission of two hours was had at noon, when the local societies received their guests at headquarters and lunch served. The D. A. R. had open house all day in the former Congregational chapel near Town hall, and at noon entertained many out-of-town friends, including Mrs. James Peabody of Dorchester, member of Old South chapter, who spoke of the work of the D. A. R., Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fairbanks of Dedham, and guests from Marlboro, Whitinsville, Grafton, Uxbridge and other places. Mr. Fairbanks, who is president of the Fairbanks' family association of Dedham, extended an invitation to the D. A. R. to attend the family reunion and outing Aug. 23.

The afternoon program at the meetinghouse was opened at 2.30 o'clock, with Judge Cook presiding. Mrs. Sadie B. Gaskill was organist and the program was as follows: Song, "Old Glory", with cornet and piano accom-

paniment, Ethel Chapman Phipps, cornetist; prayer, Rev. Mr. Simpson; song, patriotic hymn, audience; reading of poem, Mrs. Minnie B. Wilcox; vocal selection, "Star Spangled Banner", Mrs. Ernestine Harding Wilcox of Milford, the audience joining in the chorus; paper, "Facts and Traditions of Mendon History", written by Rev. Carlton A. Staples, Rev. A. N. Foster of Uxbridge; song, Keller's American hymn, audience; recitation, Boy Scouts; vocal solo, "Recessional", Mrs. Ernestine Wilcox; "Goddess of Liberty", Mabel L. Robinson, with song; "Columbia", flag chorus; hymn "Our Lord, Our Help in Ages Past", audience; benediction, Rev. James W. Macdonald of Upton.

The exercises were brought to a close in time to allow guests an opportunity to visit "Nature's Beauty Spot", and there salute the new flag.

Big Throng at Mendon's Natal Jubilee

Mendon, June 28.—The big Patriotic celebration in observance of the 250th anniversary of the institution of the town, under auspices of Old Mendon chapter, D. A. R., and Mendon Historical society, was ushered in this morning by excellent weather conditions, which induced former residents and others in large numbers to flock back to "Mother Mendon", scores of autos bringing parties here.

Following an exchange of greetings the exercises were formally opened at the meeting house by Rev. H. F. Fister of Milford Universalist church, nearly 500 being in attendance.

The program as previously announced was carried out, Judge Louis A. Cook of South Weymouth, President of Mendon Historical society, being introduced as President of the day and brief remarks being given by representatives of "Mother Mendon" and her "daughter" towns.

Judge Francis Thayer of Blackstone gave an address, and at noon there was an intermission of two hours. The program this afternoon was most appropriate.